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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE MEETING ON NAMIBIA

REFS: A. USUN 1705

B. CAPETOWN 0888

C. USUN 1687

1. WESTERN FIVE MET ALL DAY JUNE 2 TO WORK ON DRAFT OF PAPER
ON "SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS "(SEPTTEL) AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATING TO CAPE TOWN TALKS.

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2. UK RAISED THE IDEA OF HAVING WESTERN CONSTITUTIONAL
EXPERTS JOIN CONTACT GROUP (REFTEL B, PARA 3). GROUP
AGREED THAT THIS SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD IDEA, SINCE WESTERN
DELEGATES MIGHT BE FACED BY A PHALANX OF SOUTH AFRICAN
CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYERS IN CAPE TOWN. BRITISH SUGGESTED
NAME OF HENRY STEEL (FORMER UKUN LEGAL COUNSELLOR)

AS OFFERING GOOD COMBINATION OF UN KNOWLEDGE AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW EXPERIENCE (NAME OF GORDON SMITH WAS EVIDENTLY NOT MENTIONED IN UK CABLE FROM CAPE TOWN). GROUP AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO CAPIALS THAT SUCH AN ADDITION TO THE DELEGATION BE MADE.

3. US RAISED QUESTION OF APPROACH TO ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA ON NAMIBIA POLITICAL PRISONERS (REFTEL C). UKUN HAD CABLE FROM LUSAKA ON MAY 31 WHICH SAID THAT SINCE NANGOLA HAD BEEN EXECUTED, IT WOULD BE TACTLESS TO APPROACH ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA TOO SOON AND SUGGESTED A DELAY.

4. GROUP AGREED TO MEET MORNING OF JUNE 3 TO (1) DISCUSS TALKING POINTS AND TIMING FOR BRIEFINGS OF FRONT-LINE STATES, SWAPO AND OTHERS ON UPCOMING-CAPE TOWN TALKS, AND TO CINSIDER IDEA OF JOINING TO SAME BRIEFING IN DAR ES SALAAM AND LUSAKA LOW- KEY APPROACH ON NAMIBIA POLITICAL PRISONERS; (2) PRESS GUIDANCE (REFTEL B, PARA 4); AND (3) FINAL TOUCHES ON "SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS" PAPER.

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